

MANAGERS WHO TRADE MEN THEY HAVEN'T GOT WOULD MAKE GOOD IN WALL STREET LEAGUE

RUMORED DEALS ARE THE TYPE OF TRANSACTIONS WHICH WILL PROVE MENACE TO ORGANIZED BASEBALL

Trading Players Who Are "Holdouts" a Practice Which Should Be Legislated Out of Existence as Dangerous and Illogical.

THE sensational story which leaked out of the Phillies training camp, to the effect that deals have been arranged with the Cardinals and Brooklyn which will rid the Philadelphia club of a trio of hold-outs and bring Wheat, Hornsby and Miller to Broad and Huntingdon streets may or may not be true, and for the good of baseball it is to be hoped that the latter construction is the correct one.

Is there a chance that the magnates do not realize what an effect such a deal will have on the future relations between magnate and player? The spectacle of the three hold-outs forcing their owners to trade them to a club which is willing to meet their salary demands will convince the players that there is some virtue in the hold-out scheme after all.

THE practice of trading dissatisfied players, particularly if they be stars, is a pernicious one and should be legislated out of existence as soon as possible.

IF PRESIDENT BAKER is contemplating the two deals it is evident that he intends to dig a little deeper for baseball talent than was supposed, for it will cost approximately \$3000 more per year to carry Wheat, Miller and Hornsby than it would to meet the demands of Stock, Niehoff and Whitted.

St. Louis is a town dreaded by ball players because of the climatic conditions, and it is scarcely likely that Stock and Niehoff would play there for less money than they would right here in Philadelphia.

ALL of which is true if the three clubs concerned are really in earnest about the matter. As idle talk it may serve its purpose of scaring the trio of Philadelphia hold-outs.

THE deal with St. Louis might be popular with the fans here, but it would probably cause considerable trouble in St. Louis, where Hornsby is something of an idol and is generally looked upon as a herald of better things in the Mount City.

IT IS reported in athletic circles on reliable authority that Yale University athletic officials have been quietly preparing for the last month to lodge a formal protest with the Intercollegiate A. A. A. against two of Cornell's track stars, Linus V. Windnagle and Alma Richards.

THE arrival of the combined forces of the Athletics has aroused great interest among the sportsmen south of the Mason and Dixon Line.

AT THE present time the new member is carrying some extra flesh, tipping the scales at 185. He stands six feet one-half inch in height and possesses a good pair of hands.

FOR many years the Interclub Tennis League played its matches in May. The schedule opened the second Tuesday, and was completed by the end of the month.

Unfortunately, the two greatest players that the Interclub could boast of in recent years will not be in competition in 1917.

Shoreport, La.—With the aid of the good work done by Fred Toney and Christy Maloney, the team played a very successful season.

HEAT MAKES HIM HOLDOUT



Harry Weiser, known as Bud, has refused to report to the Little Rock club because he fears the South's heat.

IN MARCH THE KID LOOKED GREAT—VET LIMP; BUT WHO HITS THE PILL IN JUNE? EGAD, THE KID'S IN STILL

"Still" Meaning "Yet"—For Many Times the Kid Even Looks "Better Still"—Limiting Distance of Forward Pass in Football'd Be Faux Pas

By GRANTLAND RICE You Can't Always Tell

In March the kid looked great While the veteran's arm was sore; The kid slid into the plate For many a practice score;

In March the kid was there With many a robust clout, All fifteen ways to spare, While the vet looked down and out;

THE Rule Mandarins of football gather on Friday, but there are no important changes in sight. The present game has grown in such favor among both players and spectators that no risk will be run in the way of scrambling up a successful situation.

Brooklyn Enters a Rebuttal Dear Sir—This talk about the Giants having the pennant race sewed up gives me indignation.

Along about the 27th of July or early August there will be one or two depressed cities insisting that their ball clubs put in the afternoon drilling in place of the accustomed program.

Tris and Joe H. L. G.—Speaker and Jackson have been big league rivals for six seasons—

Rookies and Regulars Marlin, Tex.—Benny Kauff decided to continue baseball today.

Macon, Ga.—Bill Percy, rookie pitcher with the Yankees, is being picked as one of the new men Bill Donovan will take back to New York as a regular.

Hot Springs, Ark.—When Jake Daubert drags into the Dodger camp, according to reports here, the National League champions will start learning how to be soldiers.

Miami, Fla.—The Braves and Seminoles will have it out again here today. The Braves won yesterday, 11 to 6.

Mineral Wells, Tex.—The White Sox will split in Texas Friday. Kid Gleason will transform Texas with the second squad and Manager Rowland with the first.

Columbus, O.—Skipper Callahan of the Pirates will begin today the construction of an entire new inner circuit of defense.

Augusta, Ga.—Several shake-ups are looming up for the Senators. Manager Griffith is bringing Ray Morgan for general utility man, but may yet direct Leonard at third base.

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McGAFFIGAN, NEW PHILLY PLAYER, WAS TEACHER AT COUNTRY SCHOOL

Infield Recruit Is No Youngster—Has Been in Minors for Six Years

Table titled 'Mark McGaffigan's Record for Six Years in Minors' showing statistics for various clubs and years.

IF QUAKER CITY scribes are seeking a nickname for Mark A. McGaffigan, new Moran infielder, who played with Vernon last year, then can, with truth, call him either the schoolmaster or the pedagogue.

McGaffigan, who can hardly be called a youngster, since he is on his way to his twenty-ninth year, was born here, where his father is a prominent attorney.

During his six-year stay in the minors the highest batting credit Schoolmaster Mark accumulated was .282. This was made during his second year with Lincoln, in 1915.

and has won distinction on the gridiron and on the track as well as in baseball. He also is a tennis player of note.

McGaffigan's birth date is September 12. That also is the birth date of Captain Fred Luderus, of the Phillies.

VON KOLNITZ RETIRES FROM BASEBALL FIELD

CHICAGO, March 14.—Alfred von Kolnitz, utility infielder with the Chicago Americans, has notified Manager Rowland that he has retired from the game.

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CORNELL RULES ATHLETES ELIGIBLE

Richards and Windnagle Defended by Faculty Committee

NOT UNDER 3-YEAR RULE

ITHACA, N. Y., March 14.—Alma W. Richards, Olympic champion in the running high jump, and Linus Vere Windnagle, intercollegiate one-mile champion, two Cornell athletes who are among the greatest now performing in varsity ranks, were ruled eligible to represent the Big Red team this year on the track, despite the rumor that the men will be called before the Intercollegiate A. A. A. to show cause why they should not be barred.



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